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WHERE... WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?

I REMEMBER BATMAN SENT THE TEAM TO *AFRICA*...

...TO SHUT DOWN *THE BRAIN'S* LATEST *KOBRA-VENOM* ANIMAL TESTING FACILITY...

WE WERE *ATTACKED!* BY *GORILLAS!*

AND BEFORE IT ALL WENT *BLACK*...

...I FELT A *PRESENCE* IN MY MIND...

...A PRESENCE AND A *NAME*...

GRODD...?

GRODD, HUMAN.

AND GRODD DEMANDS YOUR HELP.

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MANNERS, MY LOVE. WE *DESIRE* THE HUMAN'S HELP. WE DO NOT DEMAND IT.

I'M... I'M NOT HUMAN. I'M *MARTIAN.* *MISS MARTIAN.*

I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND. OUR VOCABULARY EXPANDS RAPIDLY--BUT THERE ARE STILL GAPS.

IT... PROBABLY DOESN'T MATTER.

I AM *SOLOVAR,* THE *ALPHA* OF THIS *TROOP.*

THIS IS MY MATE, *BOKA.*

THIS IS *PRIMAT.*

AND THIS, OF COURSE, IS *GORILLA GRODD.*

BUT WHERE ARE WE? WHY IS IT SO DARK? HOW ARE YOU CAPABLE OF TELEPATHY? WHY DID YOU ATTACK US?

ALL THESE *QUESTIONS* ALL AT ONCE... LIKE AN *INFANT.*

WELL, SHE IS *YOUNG* FOR HER SPECIES.

WE WILL STRIVE TO *ENLIGHTEN* YOU. BUT TIME IS SHORT...

THE STRANGERS ARRIVED TWO YEARS AGO...

...AN *OLD WOMAN*, A *THIN MAN* AND THEIR BORROWED *SHADOWS*.

THEY CONSTRUCTED A SINGLE CAVE OF METAL-- A *"KWAN-ZETT" HUT*--TO CONDUCT THEIR EXPERIMENTS.

THEY CAPTURED *MALLAH*, A YOUNG MALE OF OUR TROOP...

...AND *OPERATED* ON HIS *BRAIN*.

MALLAH...*APPROVED*. EVEN *BETRAYED* HIS OWN KIND TO HIS NEW MASTERS.

GOOD *TOLIFHAR* WAS THE FIRST TO FALL.

THEY *MURDERED* THE APE WE KNEW, REPLACING TOLIFHAR'S BRAIN WITH THE OLD WOMAN'S...

THE RESULT WAS THAT ABOMINATION, THE *ULTRA-HUMANITE*.

BUT THE *HORROR* CONTINUED...

ULTRA-HUMANITE AND MALLAH EXTRACTED THE BRAIN FROM THEIR THIN HUMAN COMPANION...

...AND PLACED IT WITHIN A HOLLOW METAL TREE STUMP.

THIS NEW THING WANTED *COMPLETE* FREEDOM FROM THE DISTRACTIONS OF THE PHYSICAL...

...TO SIMPLY BE *THE BRAIN.*

THEY BUILT MORE METAL CAVES...

...AND CALLED THEIR NEW KINGDOM *"GORILLA CITY."* IT IS THEIR LITTLE JOKE...

...FOR HERE THEY HAVE *ENSLAVED* EVERY GORILLA OF OUR TROOP.

ONLY THE *HOLY ONE* ESCAPED.

THEY PUT US ALL IN THEIR *INHIBITOR COLLARS...*

...AND PERFORMED THEIR ENHANCEMENT SURGERY ON OUR BRAINS. WE GAINED IN INTELLIGENCE, AWARENESS, *SENTIENCE...*

...BUT NEITHER HAPPINESS NOR *FREEDOM.*

MORE RECENTLY, THEY *INJECTED* US WITH THEIR *KOBRA-VENOM.*

THE PROCESS WAS VERY *PAINFUL*...BUT IT MADE US LARGER AND *STRONGER.*

BUT THEY ARE IGNORANT OF OUR *GREATEST STRENGTH:* THE *TELEPATHY* THEIR ENHANCEMENTS HAVE PROVIDED.

AND THUS HAVE THEY SCATTERED THE SEEDS OF THEIR OWN END!

BUT YOU NO LONGER WEAR COLLARS? WHY DO YOU STILL AID YOUR OPPRESSORS?

THEY HAVE AN EVEN *GREATER* HOLD ON US.

OUR *CHILDREN.*

IF WE DO NOT OBEY ALL COMMANDS, THEIR LIVES ARE FORFEIT.

THAT'S HORRIBLE!

THEY HAVE *YOUR TROOP* AS WELL. ALL IN COLLARS.

WE WILL RESCUE THEM. YOU WILL SECURE OUR PROGENY. AND TOGETHER, YOU AND I--

THAT IS, YOU AND *SOLOVAR*... WILL LEAD THE *REVOLUTION.*

WAIT, I DON'T *LEAD* OUR TEAM!

HOW CAN THAT BE TRUE? YOUR MIND IS *CLEARLY* THE MOST POWERFUL!

REALLY? YOU THINK SO?

WE DEAL WITH AN UNDERLING, WHO CANNOT EVEN GUARANTEE HER ALPHA'S COOPERATION!

AND YET WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO *TRUST* HER.

AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TRUST WE RETURN YOU TO THE *PHYSICAL PLANE...*

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...AND RETURN YOUR *BEAST* TO YOUR ARMS.

OKAY, I'M ON BOARD. AND I PROMISE MY TEAM WILL BE TOO. BUT WE NEED A *PLAN!*

WOLF!!

OH, WE HAVE A PLAN...

Robin's case notes:
I have a plan...

WHAT IS OUR PLAN FOR THESE "HEROES?"

SO MANY OPTIONS: ZE BRAIN EXTRACTION, ZE EXPERIMENTS AVEC KOBRA-VENOM AND ZE PROJECT CADMUS.

I SUGGEST WE CHOOSE... ALL OF ZE ABOVE!

...and it doesn't include ***any*** of "ze above!"

I'M HERE TO RELIEVE YOU.

WE JUST CAME ON DUTY--AND WHERE'S YOUR WATCH PARTNER?!

YOU'RE MY PARTNER, BONGO-BRAIN! AND WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT FOR ME?

OH, WELL...

WHAM

BEEP

OH, NO...

...THEY'RE TOO CUTE!

SNORRRRRRRRRRE

OKAY, KIDS. TIME TO GO...

WELL, HERE'S YOUR WOLF...

...BUT WHERE'S THE MARTIAN?

LE GRODD SIGNS THAT SOLOVAR STILL SEARCHES ZE BRUSH POUR ELLE.

KLIK

I GOT THEM! AND THEY'RE ADORABLE!!

NNAMDI!

SIMEON!

OH, HE'S GROWN SO! SOON, HE'LL BE JUST LIKE GRODD!!

WE'LL TAKE *ULGO*, *KAMAU*, *TOTO* AND *NZAME* TO THEIR MOTHERS...

PROTECTED BY *THE HOLY ONE*, THEY WAIT IN A PLACE OF SAFETY MALLAH DOESN'T KNOW--AND CANNOT BETRAY!

GREAT! 'CAUSE I HAVE MY OWN FAMILY TO RESCUE NOW!

No psychic link, so I'm not sure if the rest of the Team is unconscious--or **faking** it like me.

I could be on my own--with no utility belt--against Brain and three gorillas.

GRODD, THE HUMAN WAS SUCCESSFUL. BOKA AND PRIMAT HAVE THE INFANTS. BE READY.

GRODD IS ALWAYS READY.

Now or never.

HA HA

THE BOY WONDER! HE'S GONE!

HA HA

COMMENT C'EST POSSIBLE?! ZE DOOR IS SEALED! WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?

HA HA!

WHERE IS HE?! WHERE IS HE?!

Better take out the big one first...

RRAAHRRRRRR

SOLOVAR, A HUMAN HOSTAGE HAS ESCAPED...

...HIS ACTIONS THREATEN OUR PLAN.

I WILL *ELIMINATE* HIM.

GRRRRR

NEGATIVE, GRODD. OUR ALLY WOULD NOT APPROVE. ADAPT. WE ARE ON OUR WAY.

SNAP

MISS MARTIAN, ARE YOU IN RANGE?

I HEARD THAT! THE LINK'S UP! M'GANN MUST BE--

NO! IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT! IT'S NOT M'GANN! IT'S--

IT IS GRODD. NOW, LISTEN, HUMANS...

VENTILATION'S FINALLY KICKED IN.

AND I HAVE SUMMONED ZE REINFORCE-MENTS...

GOOD! CUZ YOU'RE GONNA NEED 'EM!

GRODD, DESTROY THEM.

ZAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY, MON AMI...

...NOTRE SOLOVAR HAS LA MARTIEN--

--AND WILL **WRING HER NECK** IF ZESE ENFANTS DO NOT STAND DOWN!

THEN YOU LEAVE US NO CHOICE...

...START THE **REVOLUTION!!**

DJUBA! MALAVAR! TAKE THE SHADOWS!!

M'GANN, DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE THAT FORM? YOU KNOW I HATE MONKEYS!

BUT IT SEEMS SO APPROPRIATE...

AND DO NOT CALL US MONKEYS, HUMAN--

--YOU MIGHT AS WELL STATE YOUR HATRED FOR *ALL PRIMATES!*

DUDE, DON'T GIVE HIM ANY IDEAS!

MY OPTICAL SENSORS!

IMBÉCILES! YOU CANNOT BLIND ZE BRAIN!

BUT I BET I *CAN* GIVE IT INDIGESTION!

KZZZZZZYK

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

RRAAARRRR

THIS IS FOR TOLIFHAR, HUMAN!

BRAIN, THE APES! THEY ARE *TELEPATHIC!*

INDEED. UN DEVÉLOPPEMENT INTÉRESSANT. MAIS ZIS IS NOT ZE TIME FOR STUDY.

ATTENTION, RÉVOLUTIONNAIRES!

I HAVE ACTIVATED ZE SELF-DESTRUCT! LA VILLE DE GORILLE IS DOOMED!

VOUS AVEZ CINQ MINUTES!

GRODD, WE MUST GO! NOW!!!

HURRY. THIS WAY. WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME!

SOLOVAR, THANK THE HOLY ONE! WITH THE EXPLOSION, WE FEARED--

WE ARE FINE, MY LOVE. NO CASUALTIES.

I BELIEVE EVEN OUR TORMENTORS ESCAPED.

WHERE IS THE HOLY ONE?

GONE...

...HE HAS SEEN US *LIBERATED*, BUT WE ARE NO LONGER HIS TO PROTECT.

OUR TIME WITH *CONGORILLA* IS DONE.

YES, THE AGE OF THE OLD GOD HAS PASSED...

...NOW THE AGE OF THE NEW GRODD MAY BEGIN.

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?

YES. WE WILL START ANEW...

...PERHAPS BUILD OUR OWN *GORILLA CITY.*

Robin's case notes: And that was it. Our whole adventure in Gorilla City...

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Robin's case notes: And that was it. Our whole adventure in Gorilla City. I hope the big apes will be all right.

GORILLAS. MAN, THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

ALL ASTER. NO DIS. WE DIDN'T KNOW HOW GOOD WE HAD IT.

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